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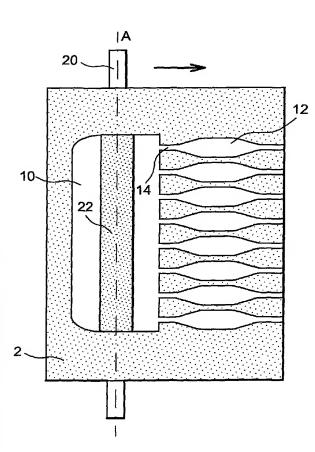
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(54) Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DIVISION OF A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE BY MAGNETIC EFFECT



(57) Abstract: A method for dividing an analyte present in a solution and which is fixed on magnetic particles, is disclosed. It comprises sedimentation of the magnetic particles together with the separation into a plurality of residues. One of the preferred embodiments relates to: the formation of at least a residue (22, 30) of magnetic particles in a first receptacle (10); the displacement of the residue(s) towards a. plurality of second receptacles (12), preferably by relative translation of a magnetic system (20, 24); the second receptacle(s) (12) being connected to the first receptacle (10) through a fluid channel (14). Devices to be used in these methods and systems for implementing the same are also disclosed.

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